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SINGLE-MODE FIBER OPTIC COUPLERS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with PCT Application

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IN THE CLAIMS

Enclosed please find amended claims 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 19 in which the dependencies have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies as shown in the attached marked up version of the same claims.

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the patent application. Claim 1 is an independent claim and the remaining claims are dependent claims.

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